

Remarks/Arguments:

Claims 1, 3-6 and 9-24 are pending in the above-identified application. Claims 2 and 7-8 have been cancelled.

Claim 15 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Chang. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this rejection.

With regard to claim 15, Chang does not disclose or suggest,

... periodically receiving portions of electronic program guide (EPG) speech files from the network, each portion corresponding to a respectively different time interval and each portion including a plurality of sections each representing a respectively different sub-interval of the respective portion...

...providing a sequence of aural navigation prompts to a user, prompting the user to **select time information corresponding to one section of the plurality of sections** of the stored portion of EPG speech files to be extracted, **the one section including a plurality of programs, each program associated with a respectively different channel...** (Emphasis added).

Basis for this amendment may be found, for example, in the specification at paragraph [0042].

The Examiner asserts that Chang discloses that the user is prompted before EPG data is extracted. (Office Action, page 3, lines 1-3). The EPG data shown at Fig. 4 of Chang includes a plurality of programs each corresponding to a different channel (i.e. CH 02 Dr. Quinn, Ch 03 Rosanne...). The EPG data shown at Fig. 5 of Chang includes a plurality of programs on different channels (i.e. 08:00 Dr. Quinn, 09:00 Dazzle...). This EPG data shown at Figs. 4 or 5 is extracted and displayed to the user. The user is then prompted to select a program from the plurality of programs shown in the display at Figs. 4 or 5. After the user selects the program, however, the additional EPG data that is extracted provides information for the selected **single program on a single channel** (i.e. EPG data for Dr. Quinn on Ch 02), as shown in Fig. 3. That is, the EPG data to be extracted in Chang does not include "...a plurality of programs, each program associated with a respectively different channel," as recited in claim 15.

In contrast, Applicants' exemplary embodiment prompts the user to select time information and then extract EPG speech files which include **a plurality of programs that are associated with different channels**. For example, the information appliance (i.e. a set top box) may "...periodically receive portions of electronic program guide (EPG) speech files from

the network..." Each portion may include scheduled TV programs for the next respective day. (Para. [0041]). Thus, each portion may "correspond to respectively different time intervals.

Each portion may also include a "...plurality of sections each representing a respectively different sub-interval of the respective portion..." For, example, the plurality of sections may correspond to different time intervals for the next day's programs. The user may then be prompted for the current time. After the user selects the current time (i.e. 10:00 p.m.), EPG speech files are extracted which include **a plurality of programs on different channels** (i.e. Channel 2-CNN Larry King Live, Channel 3-Fox Baseball, Red Sox vs. Yankees, Channel 4...). (Para. [0042]). Thus, Applicants' exemplary embodiment includes "prompting the user to select time information corresponding to one section of the plurality of sections of the stored portion of EPG speech files to be extracted, **"...the one section including a plurality of programs, each program associated with a different channel,"** as recited in claim 15.

Because Chang does not disclose or suggest the features of claim 15, claim 15 is not subject to rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) in view of Chang.

Claims 1, 10-14, 16, and 22-23 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable in view of Chang and Hong et al. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this rejection. Chang is described above. Hong et al. is described in the previous response. Hong et al. also do not disclose or suggest "...prompting the user to select time information corresponding to one section of the plurality of sections of the stored EPG data to be extracted, **the one section including a plurality of programs, each program associated with a different channel,**" as recited in claim 15.

Claims 1 and 11, while not identical to claim 15, include features similar to those set forth above with regard to claim 15. Thus, claims 1 and 11 are not subject to rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable in view of Chang and Hong et al. for at least the same reasons as those set forth above with regard to claim 15. Claims 10 and 22 depend from claim 1, claims 12-14 and 23 depend from claim 11 and claim 16 depends from claim 15. Accordingly, claims 10, 12-14, 16 and 22-23 are also not subject to rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) in view of Chang and Hong et al.

Claims 5 and 20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable in view of Chang, Hong et al. and Oh. Chang and Hong et al. are described above. Oh is described in

the previous response. Oh also does not disclose or suggest "...prompting the user to select time information corresponding to one section of the plurality of sections of the stored EPG data to be extracted, **the one section including a plurality of programs, each program associated with a different channel,**" as recited in claims 1 and 15.

Because Chang, Hong et al. and Oh do not disclose or suggest the features of claims 1 and 15, claims 1 and 15 are not subject to rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) in view of Chang, Hong et al. and Oh. Claim 5 depends from claim 1 and claim 20 depends from claim 15. Accordingly, claims 5 and 20 are also not subject to rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) in view of Chang, Hong et al. and Oh.

Claims 6 and 21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable in view of Chang, Hong et al. and Van Kommer. Chang and Hong et al. are described above. Van Kommer is described in the previous response. Van Kommer also does not disclose or suggest "...prompting the user to select time information corresponding to one section of the plurality of sections of the stored EPG data to be extracted, **the one section including a plurality of programs, each program associated with a different channel,**" as recited in claims 1 and 15.

Because Chang, Hong et al. and Van Kommer do not disclose or suggest the features of claims 1 and 15, claims 1 and 15 are not subject to rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) in view of Chang, Hong et al. and Van Kommer. Claim 6 depends from claim 1 and claim 21 depends from claim 15. Accordingly, claims 6 and 21 are also not subject to rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) in view of Chang, Hong et al. and Van Kommer.

Claim 9 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable in view of Chang, Hong et al. and Cannon et al. Chang and Hong et al. are described above. Cannon et al. is described in the previous response. Cannon et al. also does not disclose or suggest "...prompting the user to select time information corresponding to one section of the plurality of sections of the stored EPG data to be extracted, **the one section including a plurality of programs, each program associated with a different channel,**" as recited in claim 1.

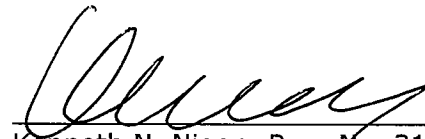
Because Chang, Hong et al. and Cannon et al. do not disclose or suggest the features of claim 1, claim 1 is not subject to rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) in view of Chang, Hong et

al. and Cannon et al. Claim 9 depends from claim 1. Accordingly, claim 9 is also not subject to rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) in view of Chang, Hong et al. and Cannon et al.

Applicants appreciate the indication in the Office Action that claims 3-4, 17-19 and 24 are allowable over the prior art.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the rejection of claims 1, 5-6, 9-16, and 20-23.

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